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1 In response to this Court's Order Regarding Supplemental Briefing and/or Evidence, the
 2 Parties submit the following answers to the Court's questions. Dkt. 111. Except where indicated
 3 expressly or by context, this is a joint submission of the Parties.

4 **A. 23andMe's Financial Condition**

5 **Question:** “Plaintiffs indicate that 23andMe’s financial condition played a factor in
 6 deciding to settle and the terms of the settlement. According to Plaintiffs, ‘[p]rior to [the second]
 7 mediation [with Mr. Wulff], the group [of Plaintiffs’ lawyers participating in the mediation]
 8 engaged an independent forensic accounting firm to advise it with respect to 23andMe’s financial
 9 condition.’ Co-Lead Counsel Decl. ¶ 24. What did the firm learn about the company’s condition
 10 and what did it advise? (If there is any concern here about privilege or trade secrets, the
 11 information may be lodged with the Courtroom Deputy (EMCCRD@cand.uscourts.gov) instead
 12 of filed. Alternatively, the information may be filed under seal.).”

13 **Answer¹:** Plaintiffs engaged consultants to provide an independent assessment of
 14 23andMe’s financial condition. These consultants evaluated 23andMe’s current financial
 15 condition including available cash, prospective business prospects, and access to capital. With
 16 respect to 23andMe’s financial condition, the firm summarized the financials as follows:

17 Operating Income had been negative, with losses between \$185.2m
 18 [and] \$234.8m in FY 2019 to 2022. These losses increased to \$324.0m
 19 in FY 2023. For L9M 12/31/2023, losses are \$189.0m. EBITDA had
 20 been negative, with losses between \$167.1.2m and \$211.1m in FY 2019
 21 to 2022. These losses increased to \$291.2.0m in FY 2023. For L9M
 22 12/31/2023, losses are \$243.3m. There was no analyst EBITDA
 23 estimate for FY 2024, but for FY 2025 and FY 2026, EBITDA is
 24 estimated by a single analyst at losses of \$183.7m and \$154.4m,
 25 respectively.

26 The consultants also outlined 23andMe’s deteriorating cash position: “As of December
 27 31, 2023, 23andMe had \$242.4m in cash on its balance sheet, down from \$553.2m and \$386.8m
 28 at March 31, 2022, and 2023, respectively. The reductions in cash over the last two periods are
 due primarily to operating losses.” In 2024, 23andMe reported \$216 million in unrestricted cash

¹ 23andMe does not join in Interim Co-Lead Counsel’s response to Request (A). 23andMe’s financial condition is accurately disclosed in the public records through its SEC filings.

1 and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2024, and \$170 million in cash as of June 30, 2024. Based
 2 on 23andMe's average burn rate of approximately \$45 million per quarter, the company would
 3 run out of cash in the next 12 months, absent access to new capital.

4 In evaluating future sources of cash, the consultants examined all revenue and potential
 5 revenue streams for the company and concluded:

6 Overall, there appears to be low prospect for near-term growth in
 7 revenue from current operations, as revenue-generating operations are
 8 all on a marked downtrend, including the Telehealth segment that
 9 stemmed from the acquisition of Lemonaid Health in November 2021.
 In addition, the Therapeutics operating segment has overall been pre-
 revenue for the past three fiscal years.

10 These conclusions regarding 23andMe's business prospects—in conjunction with growing
 11 litigation risk—supported the consultant's conclusion that 23andMe would have significant
 12 challenges raising new capital.

13 Plaintiffs note that even since the filing of their Motion for Preliminary Approval,
 14 23andMe's financial condition has continued to deteriorate. On September 17, 2024, all of
 15 23andMe's independent directors resigned, an extraordinarily rare event for a public company.
 16 In their letter to CEO Anne Wojcicki, the seven resigning directors said they had yet to receive
 17 a “a fully financed, fully diligenced, actionable proposal that is in the best interests of the non-
 18 affiliated shareholders” from the chief executive after months of efforts.²

19 **B. Investigation and/or Discovery**

20 **Question:** “What investigation and/or discovery was done, both by Plaintiffs and
 21 23andMe? *See* Sett. Agmt., Recital ¶ 14.”

22 **Answer:** In early October 2023, 23andMe's outside counsel Greenberg Traurig retained
 23 a third-party to assist it in undertaking a forensic investigation to determine the customer
 24 information the threat actor accessed and/or downloaded in each affected account. Thereafter
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26 ² 23andMe Press Release, *Independent Directors of 23andMe Resign from Board* (Sept. 17,
 27 2024), <https://investors.23andme.com/news-releases/news-release-details/independent-directors-23andme-resign-board>.

1 until December 1, 2023, the third-party forensic investigator conducted an extensive
2 investigation of the cause and scope of the security incident.

3 Prior to reaching the proposed Settlement in this matter, Interim Co-Lead Counsel
4 received the following informal discovery:

- 5 1. A description of how the incident occurred;
- 6 2. An explanation of why the intrusion was not detected earlier;
- 7 3. The actions taken by 23andMe once it learned of the security incident;
- 8 4. Information regarding notification of the incident that was sent and to whom
notification was sent;
- 9 5. What additional notices were sent directly to consumers in accordance with state and
federal law;
- 10 6. The number of consumers affected by the act that allowed entry into 23andMe's
database;
- 11 7. The types of information shared by class members on the Family Tree group and what
information was potentially accessed through the DNA Relatives feature;
- 12 8. A detailed breakdown of the numbers of class members affected in each of these
categories and their states of residence;
- 13 9. A breakdown of the health information at issue for the approximately 7,300
individuals whose health information was involved in the incident;
- 14 10. The states of residence of those with health information at issue in this security
incident;
- 15 11. 23andMe's insurance information, including the total and what was left by the time
the parties attended the initial mediation in January 2024;
- 16 12. Information regarding specific financial challenges 23andMe was facing;
- 17 13. 23andMe's security compliance and standards in place before the incident;
- 18 14. The nature of changes made to 23andMe's security policies upon learning of the
incident; and

1 15. 23andMe's position on a number of issues relative to the merits of the case, class
 2 certification and class member damages.

3 In addition, Plaintiffs were able to question 23andMe's then Chief Administrative Officer
 4 directly at mediation and were able to do the same later with the Interim General Counsel for
 5 23andMe. Ongoing communications regarding issues and questions that arose throughout the
 6 extended mediation processes were answered by counsel.

7 **Question:** "If either side engaged experts, *see, e.g.*, Sett. Agmt., Recital ¶ 6, what did the
 8 experts do?"

9 **Answer:** In addition to 23andMe's engagement of outside experts as set forth above,
 10 Plaintiffs engaged a cybersecurity consultant and a business valuation consultant. The
 11 cybersecurity consultant examined available information about the cause of the Security Incident
 12 as well as 23andMe's business practice changes following the Security Incident. As set forth
 13 above, the business valuation consultant was engaged to address and contribute to Plaintiffs'
 14 understanding of the financial condition of the company, and was asked to advise as to possible
 15 business transactions that might affect 23andMe's financial situation.

16 **C. Cause of the Data Breach**

17 **Questions:** "What do the parties know about the cause of the data breach? Were Plaintiffs
 18 able to confirm one way or the other the cause claimed by 23andMe? *See CAC ¶ 2 ('Defendant*
 19 *has publicly stated that the Data Breach was a result of compromised user credentials whereby*
 20 *attackers gained access to data through passwords that users had reused from other website that*
 21 *were hacked . . .')."*

22 **Answer:** 23andMe's investigation determined the Security Incident was the result of a
 23 credential stuffing attack wherein the threat actor was able to access certain accounts in instances
 24 where usernames and passwords that were used on 23andMe.com were the same as those used
 25 on other websites that had been previously compromised or otherwise available. After
 26 independent investigation, Plaintiffs have not uncovered evidence of another cause of the
 27 Security Incident.

1 **D. Compromised Personal Information**

2 **Question #1:** “What personal information exactly was compromised? *See, e.g., CAC ¶*
 3 *424.*”

4 **Answer:** Based on its investigation, 23andMe identified two broad categories of
 5 information accessed in the incident. For the vast majority of impacted individuals, only non-
 6 health related information was compromised. For a small fraction of impacted individuals
 7 (0.01%) the compromised information was health-related. The two categories are described in
 8 more detail below.

9 **Non-health related information** encompasses the vast majority of information accessed
 10 and individuals impacted in the incident. The type of non-health impacted data varied on a
 11 person-by-person basis, but generally includes following information:

- 12 • *DNA Relatives Profile Information.*³ DNA Relatives is an optional feature in which
 13 23andMe customers may choose to share certain information with their genetic
 14 relatives. It is 23andMe’s position that by electing to participate, customers agree to
 15 share their DNA Relatives information and identify themselves (using whatever
 16 display name they wish) to thousands of other customers who are their genetic
 17 relatives and who have also elected to participate in the feature. For impacted
 18 individuals whose DNA Relatives information was impacted, the nature of the
 19 information varied depending on the information that a customer chose to share
 20 through the feature, but generally included: display name (23andMe does not require
 21 customers to use their real names); how recently the customer logged in; and their
 22 relationship label, predicted relationship and percentage DNA shared with the genetic
 23 relative viewing their DNA Relatives profile information. The following information

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 26 ³ It is 23andMe’s position that since the DNA Relatives and Family Tree profile information
 27 accessed by the threat actor was previously shared by impacted customers via the DNA
 28 Relatives feature it is neither private nor confidential, as it was information these customers
 voluntarily elected to share with other unknown and unidentified 23andMe customers also
 participating in the DNA Relatives feature who were identified to be their genetic relatives,
 which could total in the millions in some cases.

1 also may have been accessed if a customer chose to share it through the DNA
 2 Relatives feature: ancestry reports (which includes ethnicity information) and
 3 matching DNA segments (a basic chart showing chromosomes where they and their
 4 relative have matching DNA, which includes ethnicity information); self-reported
 5 location (city and/or zip code); ancestor birth locations and family names; birth year;
 6 a family tree created by the customer; and anything else the customer elected to share
 7 with other users via the “Introduce yourself” section of the customer’s profile.⁴

- 8 • *Family Tree Profile Information.*⁵ Like the DNA Relatives feature, customers may
 9 elect to participate in 23andMe’s Family Tree feature, through which, 23andMe
 10 contends, customers disclose their family tree information to up to millions of other
 11 customers who have also elected to participate in the feature. The Family Tree Profile
 12 information accessed by the threat actor is a subset of the DNA Relative profile
 13 information described above but does not include any ethnicity information. For the
 14 Family Tree Profiles, the information accessed by the threat actor varied depending
 15 on the information that a customer chose to share through the feature, but generally
 16 included: display name (23andMe does not require customers to use their real names);
 17 relationship labels; and the percent of shared DNA with the customer viewing the
 18 Family Tree profile. The following information may have been accessed if a customer
 19 chose to share it through the Family Tree feature: birth year, and the self-reported
 20 location (city and/or zip code).

21 **Health Information** was impacted for a very small percentage of individuals. This
 22 information varied on a person-by-person basis and included the following: health reports
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24 ⁴ A sample Ancestry Report is available at https://permalinks.23andme.com/pdf/samplereport_ancestrycomp.pdf.

25 ⁵ 23andMe maintains that since the DNA Relatives and Family Tree profile information
 26 accessed by the threat actor was previously shared by impacted customers via the DNA
 27 Relatives feature it is neither private nor confidential, as it was information these customers
 28 voluntarily elected to share with other unknown and unidentified 23andMe customers also
 participating in the DNA Relatives feature who were identified to be their genetic relatives,
 which could total in the millions in some cases.

1 derived from the processing of genetic information, including health-predisposition reports,
 2 carrier status reports, and certain wellness reports; self-reported medical information; and
 3 uninterpreted genotype data.⁶

4 **Question #2:** “If genetic information was compromised, can the parties explain what that
 5 information reveals about an individual – *e.g.*, ancestry, relationships, health, etc.?”

6 **Answer:** *See Response to Request D(1).*

7 **Question # 3:** “Which genetic information can support submission of a Health
 8 Information Claim, and which genetic information cannot? *See Sett. Ben. Plan. ¶ 5* (addressing
 9 Health Information Claims).”

10 **Answer:** Health Information Claims are available to customers whose (i) uninterpreted
 11 raw genotype data, (ii) certain health reports derived from the processing of their genetic
 12 information, including health predisposition reports, carrier status reports, and certain wellness
 13 reports, or (iii) self-reported medical information was accessed. *See Response to Request D(1).*

14 **Question # 4:** “Is there any indication whether compromised personal information has
 15 actually been used (*e.g.*, identity fraud, targeting ethnic groups)?”

16 **Answer:** 23andMe is unaware of any instances of identity theft or fraud or any other
 17 unauthorized access that is attributable to the incident. It is 23andMe’s position that the
 18 information accessed cannot be used for identity fraud or pecuniary harm—customer financial
 19 information was not impacted, nor were social security numbers. It is 23andMe’s position that
 20 neither the self-reported location (city and/or zip) nor the ancestor birth locations are specific
 21 enough to allow for targeting of particular racial or ethnic groups. It is 23andMe’s position that
 22 without pairing this information with far more narrow community-level identifiers, this
 23 information would not provide an individual’s location.

24 From the Plaintiffs’ perspective, the discovery of the breach, the notices, and attendant

26 ⁶ A sample Health Predisposition Report is available at
 27 https://permalinks.23andme.com/pdf/samplereport_genetichealth.pdf?_gl=1*robft*_ga*MTExOTU3NTUwLjE3Mjc4Nzc1MTc.*_ga_G330GF3ZFF*MTcyNzg3OTQ3OC4yLjEuMTcyNzg3OTc2My4wLjAuMA.

1 publicity have caused a lot of anxiety to the members of the class. Some of the Named Plaintiffs
 2 report being the target of increased spam calls and phishing emails after the Security Incident.
 3 Others report attempted credit card fraud or account openings. Some were concerned about their
 4 safety and reported purchasing lighting or monitoring systems to bolster their safety. And while
 5 many experienced concern and discomfort as a result of the disclosure, a small number of class
 6 members reported the need for therapy to assist with anxiousness caused by the incident.

7 Other than the use of the data by the criminals who posted some of it for sale on the dark
 8 web, Plaintiffs are unaware of any individual, targeted threat or harm to anyone in the ethnically
 9 targeted groups or otherwise.

10 **E. Class Size**

11 **Questions:** “The parties indicate that the nationwide class size is about 6.4 million. *See*
 12 Co-Lead Counsel Decl. ¶ 44 (‘23andMe’s investigation determined the threat actor downloaded
 13 Personal Information without authorization relating to approximately 6.4 million natural persons
 14 in the United States.’). What are the best estimates for the size of the subclass, *i.e.*, how many
 15 class members resided at the relevant time in Alaska, California, Illinois, and/or Oregon?”

16 **Answer:** The total number of Settlement Class Members in this subclass is approximately
 17 1,288,589. The breakdown of Settlement Class Members in this subclass by state is as follows:

Alaska	19,541
California	946,792
Illinois	197,187
Oregon	125,069

23 **F. Maximum Value of the Case**

24 **Questions:** “What is the maximum value of the case if Plaintiffs were to prevail? An
 25 explanation of how this value was reached should be provided.”

26 **Answer:** Plaintiffs submit that the maximum value of the Plaintiffs’ claims in this
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1 litigation, if Plaintiffs were to prevail, could be as high as approximately \$47.8 billion.⁷ Given
 2 that damages for some of Plaintiffs' claims could be considered duplicative if counted across
 3 multiple claims, Plaintiffs' calculation of maximum damages is based on an analysis of the
 4 categories of damages Plaintiffs could potentially recover. Plaintiffs' estimate of maximum
 5 damages is comprised of the following categories of damages: **(i) mitigation damages**
 6 (addressing, in whole or part, Plaintiffs' negligence, negligence per se, breach of confidence,
 7 invasion of privacy, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of fiduciary
 8 duties, California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Customer Records Act, Delaware
 9 Consumer Fraud Act, Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Georgia Uniform
 10 Deceptive Practices Act, Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act,
 11 Maryland Consumer Protection Act, Missouri Merchandise Practices Act, New Jersey Consumer
 12 Fraud Act, New York General Business Law, North Carolina Identity Theft Protection Act, North
 13 Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer
 14 Protection Law, Virginia Consumer Protection Act, Washington Data Breach Notice Act,
 15 Washington Consumer Protection Act, and Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practice claims); **(ii)**
disgorgement of profits/restitution damages (addressing, in whole or part, Plaintiffs' breach
 16 of express contract, breach of implied contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair
 17 dealing, breach of fiduciary duties claims, conversion, unjust enrichment, California Unfair
 18 Competition Law claims, and Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act claims); **(iii)**
injunctive relief damages (addressing, in whole or in part, Plaintiffs' declaratory judgment,
 20 California Invasion of Privacy, Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Tennessee
 21 Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and Wisconsin Breach of Confidentiality of Health
 22 Records claims); and **(iv) statutory damages** (addressing Plaintiffs' Alaska Genetic Privacy Act,
 24 California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act, California Consumer Privacy Act, Illinois
 25 Genetic Information Privacy Act, New York General Business Law, Oregon Genetic Privacy
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27 ⁷ 23andMe does not agree that the maximum value could ever be that high if Plaintiffs were to
 28 prevail.

1 Law, Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, and Wisconsin Breach
 2 of Confidentiality of Health Records claims).

3 Plaintiffs have computed the maximum value of these various forms of damages as
 4 follows:

Form of Damage	Maximum Value	Basis of Value
(i) Mitigation	\$23 billion	Value of identity theft protection services (\$30/ month for 10 years for 6.4 million Class members)
(ii) Restitution/disgorgement of profits	\$128 million	Partial value of retail price of 23andMe kit (10% of \$200 for 6.4 million Class members)
(iii) Injunctive relief	\$128 million	Value of profits 23andMe gained by not investing in adequate cybersecurity
(iv) Statutory		
a. Alaska Genetic Privacy Act	\$1.95 billion	\$100,000 damages for 19,541 Alaska Subclass members
b. California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act	\$8.7 million	\$4,000 statutory damages for 2,182 California Subclass members with Health Information Claims
c. California Consumer Privacy Act	\$710 million	\$750 statutory damages for 946,792 California Subclass members
d. Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act	\$2.95 billion	\$15,000 statutory damages for 197,187 Illinois Subclass members
e. New York General Business Law	\$46 million	\$50 statutory damages trebled for 306,659 New York Subclass members
f. Oregon Genetic Privacy Law	\$18.8 billion	\$150,000 statutory damages for 125,069 Oregon Subclass members
g. Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law	\$19 million	\$100 statutory damages for 193,292 Pennsylvania Subclass members
h. Wisconsin Breach of Confidentiality of Health Records	\$79 million	\$1,000 statutory damages for 79,453 Wisconsin Subclass members
TOTAL	\$47.8 billion	

25 **G. Net Settlement Fund**

26 **Question #1:** The Court details its calculations on page 3 of Order. “If the maximum
 27 deductions above are made (excluding the unknown cost of Privacy Shield), this would appear
 28

1 to leave about \$21,244,000 for distribution to the class. Is this correct?"

2 **Answer:** The Court's calculation is largely correct, excepting that Plaintiffs intend to
 3 request only \$500 in service awards for the 31 Settlement Class Representatives listed in Exhibit
 4 to the Settlement Agreement (Dkt. 103-2) and Plaintiffs anticipate expenses will be closer to
 5 \$300,000, rather than \$350,000 suggested previously. Therefore, deducting the upper limit of
 6 administration costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, the below-identified fee for Privacy Shield,
 7 and \$15,500 for Service Awards, there will be \$19,049,500 to distribute to the Class.

8 **Question # 2:** "What is the estimated cost of Privacy Shield (not its retail value to a
 9 consumer)?"

10 **Answer:** Interim Co-Lead Counsel negotiated a flat fee for purchasing Privacy Shield for
 11 all Settlement Class Members who enroll during the three-year service period. The flat fee is
 12 \$2,097,000.

13 **H. Claims Rates and Average Awards**

14 **Question #1:** "Do the parties have an estimate as to the expected enrollment rate for
 15 Privacy Shield? What has been the experience in other similar class actions?"

16 **Answer:** CyEx, the provider of Privacy Shield, has estimated an enrollment rate of
 17 approximately 20% based on previous experiences with Privacy Shield and Medical Shield,
 18 which are sold as separate products. Although the product offered here, Privacy & Medical Shield
 19 + Genetic Monitoring, is a newly enhanced and unique product created for this particular
 20 Settlement, Privacy Shield and Medical Shield – (products merged and enhanced for this
 21 Settlement) – have been offered in other recent settlements by CyEx with participation as high
 22 as 18.6% to 28.9%.

23 **Question #2:** "For the monetary relief, it appears 'the Settlement Administrator has
 24 estimated that there will be between a 5-10% claims rate based on its experiences in other data
 25 breach cases.' Co-Lead Counsel Decl. ¶ 66; Peak Decl. ¶ 37. Is this the estimated claims rate for
 26 each of the claims that can be made (Extraordinary Claims, Health Information, and Statutory
 27 Cash)? If not, what is the estimated claims rate for each?"

1 **Answer:** The 5-10% claims rate is the estimate for the overall claims that will be received
 2 based on the Notice and Claims Administrator's claims rates in comparable data breach
 3 settlements as detailed in the Peak Declaration. Dkt. 103-6, Peak Decl. ¶¶ 37-39.

4 The Notice and Claims Administrator estimates that the claims rate for the Statutory Cash
 5 and Health Information Claims will be 5-10% overall.

6 For Extraordinary Claims, the Notice and Claims Administrator expects the claims rate
 7 to be much lower, at 0.005%, based on its experiences with other data breach cases where claims
 8 could be made for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of the Security Incident. This
 9 comports with Interim Co-Lead Counsel's prior settlement administration experiences and what
 10 they have learned from their extensive investigation and Plaintiff-vetting in this case. For
 11 example, it is likely that many Settlement Class Members have not experienced out-of-pocket,
 12 unreimbursed costs related to the Security Incident. Therefore, the number of Settlement Class
 13 Members who submit Extraordinary Claims will be far less than claims for Statutory Cash and
 14 Health Information Claims.

15 **Question #3:** "For Extraordinary Claims, do the parties have a sense of the number of
 16 likely claimants and how much an average award will be? In addition, do the parties have a sense
 17 of how much of the \$5 million fund will be claimed?"

18 **Answer:** Based on the Notice and Claims Administrator's expected claims rate of 0.005%
 19 for Extraordinary Claims, Plaintiffs expect 500 or fewer valid Extraordinary Claims will be
 20 submitted. For these claims, it is difficult to predict the amounts that will be claimed and thus
 21 ultimately paid out; however, based on the Settlement Class Representatives' experiences, the
 22 main out-of-pocket expenses reported were purchase of a physical security system or time spent
 23 with a therapist for a counseling session. The average cost of a security system is \$490 in 2024,⁸
 24 and an average therapy session in 2024 is \$100-300 without insurance.⁹ Therefore, taking the

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 26 ⁸ CNN Underscored, *Home security system cost: affordable options for your safety*,
 27 <https://www.cnn.com/cnn-underscored/home/home-security-system-cost#:~:text=Key%20takeaways,have%20you%20do%20it%20yourself>.

28 ⁹ Forbes, *How Much Does Therapy Cost in 2024?*, <https://www.forbes.com/health/mind/how-much-does-therapy-cost/>.

1 upper limit of a therapy session, we can estimate an average claim of approximately \$400 for
 2 out-of-pocket, unreimbursed costs that qualify for Extraordinary Claims. If only 500 claims are
 3 filed for \$400, then only \$200,000 of the Extraordinary Claims fund will be used. If expectations
 4 are exceeded and, for example, 1,000 claims are filed for an average of \$500, then \$500,000 of
 5 the Extraordinary Claims Fund will be utilized. Plaintiffs wanted to ensure even an outlier claims
 6 rate for Extraordinary Claims would be compensated under the Settlement and therefore
 7 allocated up to \$5,000,000 for these claims.

8 Based on their experience, Interim Co-Lead Counsel agree with the Notice and Claims
 9 Administrator and believe valid Extraordinary Claims will number less than 500 and will likely
 10 use less than \$200,000 of that fund; therefore, the remainder of the \$5,000,000 in the
 11 Extraordinary Claims Fund will be diverted to the Statutory Cash Claim Fund pursuant to the
 12 Settlement Benefits Plan.

13 **Question #4:** “For Statutory Cash Claims, do the parties have a sense of how much an
 14 average award will be? (The notices suggest \$100.) How is that estimate calculated? In addition,
 15 do the parties have a sense of what the size of the fund for these claims will be?”

16 **Answer:** There are approximately 1,300,000 Settlement Class Members who reside in
 17 Alaska, California, Illinois, or Oregon and 7,355 Settlement Class Members whose health
 18 information was impacted in the Data Breach. Assuming a 10% claims rate for Statutory Cash
 19 Claims (130,000), a 10% claims rate for Health Information Claims (735), and that 500
 20 Extraordinary Claims for an average of \$400 are submitted thus utilizing \$200,000 of the
 21 Extraordinary Cash Claims Fund, Statutory Cash Claimants would receive approximately \$144
 22 as laid out in the table below, which also includes assumptions about Attorneys’ Fees (the upper
 23 limit), Expenses (the anticipated limit), Administration (the upper limit), and Service Awards
 24 (\$500 for the 31 Settlement Class Representatives¹⁰). Given the assumptions below, the Statutory
 25 Cash Fund would be \$18,775,950, which is Plaintiffs’ best estimate assuming the maximum for
 26 Attorneys’ Fees, Expenses, and Administration.

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 28 ¹⁰ Plaintiffs intend to ask the Court for \$500 for each Settlement Class Representative.

To be conservative and given it can be hard to predict participation, the estimate included in the Class Notice was for approximately \$100, with cautionary language that the amount may be adjusted up or down pro rata depending largely on participation as well as on other factors, such as ultimate expenses, attorneys' fees, and service awards.

<u>Assumptions</u>					
Settlement	\$30,000,000.00				
Attorneys' Fees	\$7,500,000.00				
Expenses	\$300,000.00				
Administration	\$1,038,000.00				
3 year Monitoring	\$2,097,000.00				
Service Awards (31 Class Reps)	\$15,500.00				
Balance	\$19,049,500.00				
		<u>Health Information Members</u>	<u>Payment Each</u>	<u>Claims Rate</u>	
Extraordinary Claims	\$200,000.00				
Health Information Claims	\$73,550.00	7,355	\$100.00	10%	
Balance for Statutory Claims	\$18,775,950.00				
		<u>Statutory Damage Members</u>	<u>Claims Rate</u>	<u>Statutory Claims</u>	<u>Payment Each</u>
		~1,300,000	10.00%	130,000	~\$144.43

I. Plan of Allocation / Settlement Benefits Plan

Questions #1 and 6: "Plaintiffs shall explain how they arrived at the plan of allocation, i.e., the Settlement Benefits Plan. For example, did Plaintiffs consider whether a nominal

1 payment should be given to all members in the nationwide class? Is preferential treatment being
 2 given to those with Statutory Cash Claims?”

3 **Answer:** Plaintiffs carefully considered whether a nominal payment should be given to
 4 Settlement Class Members in a nationwide class. Distributing the net Settlement Fund of
 5 \$21,146,500¹¹ pro rata to the 6,400,000 would result in only \$3.30 per Settlement Class Member.
 6 And, even if Plaintiffs did not do a direct distribution and instead had a claims process for the
 7 cash payment, at a 10% claims rate, claimants would receive only about \$33.00. Plaintiffs
 8 concluded the more meaningful allocation was to tailor the distribution of the Settlement Fund
 9 to the harms at issue in the case while maximizing the use of the Fund. Therefore, Plaintiffs
 10 allocated approximately 7% of the fund to purchase Privacy & Medical Shield + Genetic
 11 Monitoring for the *entire* class and tailored the remainder of the Fund to redress other specific
 12 injuries experienced: (1) making available reimbursement for out-of-pocket costs associated with
 13 Extraordinary Claims, (2) providing cash payments to Settlement Class Members who had the
 14 added harm of having health information released (detailed further below), and (3) providing
 15 cash payments to Settlement Class Members who reside in states where privacy and genetic
 16 statutes entitle them to statutory damages. *In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litig.* 327 F.R.D. 299,
 17 332 (N.D. Cal. 2018) (“A plan of allocation that reimburses class members based on the type and
 18 extent of their injuries is generally reasonable”) (citing cases).

19 The Court questions whether preferential treatment is being given to those with Statutory
 20 Cash Claims. The answer is that differing settlement benefits do not reflect preferential treatment.
 21 This is because the Statutory Subclass Members are potentially entitled to statutory damages in
 22 this case under their respective state laws that are not available to other Settlement Class
 23 Members. Indeed, statutory damages available for Plaintiffs’ genetic privacy claims under
 24 Alaska, Illinois, and Oregon law can be significant, ranging from \$100 for inadvertent violations
 25 to \$150,000 or more for knowing or reckless violations. And, under California’s Consumer
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27 28 ¹¹ This figure excludes the purchase of Privacy Shield, as it assumes solely a cash distribution
 to the Settlement Class.

1 Privacy Act, Subclass Members who resided in California are entitled to seek statutory damages
 2 up to \$750 per consumer. Cash payments to victims of data breaches residing in states where
 3 statutory damages are available, while not providing the same benefit to other Settlement Class
 4 Members who do not reside in states with similar statutory damages, is appropriate and has been
 5 approved in numerous other data breach settlements, and the Court should do the same here. *See,*
 6 *e.g., Aguallo v. Kemper Corp.*, No. 1:21-cv-01883 (N.D. Ill), Dkt. 45, 46, 51, 53 (data breach
 7 involving compromise of PII, medical leave information, and workers' compensation claim
 8 information, where California subclass members received an additional cash payment); *Cochran*
 9 *et al. v. Accellion, Inc. et al*, No. 5:21- cv-01887-EJD (N.D. Cal.), Dkt. 31, 104, 115 (data breach
 10 involving compromise of sensitive personally identifiable information, including social security
 11 numbers wherein California subclass members received twice the cash payment as other class
 12 members); *Heath v. Insurance Technologies Corp.*, 3:21-cv-01444-N (N.D. Tex.), Dkt. 35, 39,
 13 45, 52 (data breach involving compromise of personally-identifiable information wherein
 14 California subclass members received cash payments of \$100-300 not available to other class
 15 members).

16 **Questions #2 and 5:** “Why do persons whose health information was compromised get
 17 a set payment, but not persons who had other personal information compromised?”

18 “What is the basis for concluding that only 7,500 customers had health information
 19 compromised – that is, information that would support a Health Information Claim? *See* Co-Lead
 20 Counsel Decl. ¶ 19 (“23andMe confirmed during negotiations that approximately 7,500
 21 customers had some form of health information compromised in the Security Incident.”).”

22 **Answer:** 23andMe confirmed that approximately 7,355 Settlement Class Members had
 23 some or all of the following health information compromised: “(i) uninterpreted raw genotype
 24 data, (ii) certain health reports derived from the processing of their genetic information, including
 25 health predisposition reports, wellness reports and carrier status reports, or (iii) self-reported
 26 health condition information was involved in the Security Incident.” Dkt. 103-3, Settlement
 27 Benefits Plan ¶ 5. These Settlement Class Members received a unique notice from 23andMe that
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1 their health information had been compromised, and these 7,355 Settlement Class Members are
 2 entitled to make a Health Information Claim.

3 Customers whose health data was compromised will receive a set payment because of the
 4 heightened sensitivity of this information and legal protections afforded to individuals for their
 5 health data. For this reason, Plaintiffs believe their payment should be fixed as a benefit of the
 6 Settlement to ensure it would be received. These Settlement Class Members not only had the
 7 same Personal Information compromised as the general Class,¹² but had *additional*, invasive
 8 health and genotype data accessed.¹³

9 The extent of the exposed data for these individuals is therefore greater and their claims
 10 under the law stronger, and so Plaintiffs decided that set, additional compensation was warranted.

11 *See, e.g., In re Anthem*, 327 F.R.D. at 332; *In re Facebook, Inc. Internet Tracking Litig.*, 956 F.3d
 12 589, 606 (9th Cir. 2020) (for an invasion of privacy claim “the highly offensive analysis focuses
 13 on the degree to which the intrusion is unacceptable as a matter of public policy”); *In re Ambry
 14 Genetics Data Breach Litig.*, 567 F. Supp. 3d 1130, 1143 (C.D. Cal. 2021) (explaining that courts
 15 routinely refuse to dismiss invasion of privacy claims in data breach cases “involv[ing] medical
 16 information[] because the disclosure of such information is more likely to constitute an
 17 ‘egregious breach of the social norms’ that is ‘highly offensive’”) (citing cases).

18 **Question #3:** “Why did persons in putatively targeted groups (Ashkenazi Jewish or
 19 Chinese descent) not get recognized in the plan of allocation?”

20 **Answer:** Settlement Class Members in the putatively targeted groups are not recognized
 21 by a separate cash payment benefit, but they are recognized within the plan of allocation in
 22 various ways. The categories of information released as to the putatively-targeted groups did not
 23 differ from the Settlement Class generally and given that there are no state statutory damages
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25 ¹² The vast majority of the Class had some or all of the following impacted: “name, sex, birth
 26 year, information about the customer’s ancestry based on their genetic information, self-
 27 reported location (city/zip code), ancestor birth locations, family names and family tree
 information.” Dkt. 103-1, Motion for Settlement at ECF Page 16.

28 ¹³ It is 23andMe’s position that individuals with health information impacted did not consent to
 sharing the information accessed with thousands of other 23andMe customers.

1 available (unless they are also residents of certain states and qualify as part of the State Statutory
 2 Subclass), Plaintiffs ultimately concluded that a separate, additional payment to the putatively-
 3 targeted groups would not be included in the Settlement Benefits Plan. However, the components
 4 of the Settlement are designed to address the harms those in the targeted group identified.

5 Settlement Class Members who fall into the putatively targeted groups (Ashkenazi Jewish
 6 or Chinese descent) are entitled to *all* benefits under the Settlement Benefits Plan for which they
 7 qualify, including if they meet the requirements for cash payments under the State Statutory Cash
 8 Claims and Health Information Claims. Moreover, Privacy & Medical Shield + Genetic
 9 Monitoring was designed to provide specific remedies to Settlement Class Members in the
 10 putatively-targeted groups, as it provides monitoring for genetic information on the dark web and
 11 will assist Settlement Class Members in remediation efforts if such information is located.¹⁴
 12 Further, the types of out-of-pocket costs reimbursable under Extraordinary Claims were also
 13 designed with specific considerations for the putatively targeted groups as Plaintiffs of the
 14 targeted groups reported that after the Security Incident, they were fearful and therefore
 15 purchased security systems or went to counseling—reimbursable expenses under the Settlement.
 16 The Privacy Shield monitoring program is designed to assist those whose identity and ethnicity
 17 was publicly exposed and offers features to mitigate issues they may be confronting as part of
 18 the ethnically targeted groups.

19 **Question #4:** “Why are Extraordinary Claims limited to the costs specified in the
 20 Settlement Benefits Plan? *See* Sett. Ben. Plan. ¶ 4.”

21 **Answer:** The Extraordinary Claims are limited to the three types of costs specified in the
 22 Settlement Benefits Plan because these are the types of out-of-pocket costs that could be
 23 reasonably tied to the Security Incident and the information at issue in the Security Incident.
 24 *First*, some Plaintiffs and members of the Settlement Class reported increased phishing attempts,

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 26 ¹⁴ It should be noted that information about a customer’s ancestry (such as percentage Jewish or
 27 Chinese or German or Scottish etc.), which was impacted for the general Class and these
 28 putatively-targeted groups, is different than the “uninterpreted raw genotype data” and “health
 information derived from processing genetic data” that was impacted for the Health
 Information Subclass.

1 receipt of spam and fraudulent attempts at credit card or account openings.¹⁵ Thus, a benefit is
 2 provided for Settlement Class Members who become victims of identity theft or falsified tax
 3 returns. Plaintiffs believe that unreimbursed costs associated with those harms should be
 4 compensated. *Second*, Plaintiffs reported purchasing physical security or monitoring systems in
 5 response to the Security Incident because they were concerned about being ethnically-targeted;
 6 therefore, unreimbursed costs for these purchases should be compensated. *Finally*, a small
 7 number of Plaintiffs reported seeking professional mental health counseling and treatment in the
 8 wake of the Security Incident, largely tied to the ethnic-targeting at issue here; therefore,
 9 unreimbursed costs for pursuing counseling and treatment should be compensated. Essentially,
 10 the Settlement's Extraordinary Claims parameters were defined by the feedback Plaintiffs'
 11 counsel and Plaintiffs have received.

12 **J. Injunctive Relief**

13 **Question:** "Do the Business Practice Commitments, *see* Sett. Agmt. ¶ 70, differ from
 14 23andMe's practices in the past?"

15 **Answer:** 23andMe has developed a data protection program, and has maintained
 16 certifications under ISO 27001, ISO 27018 and ISO 27701 since October 2020. As noted below,
 17 as result of the Incident and as part of the Settlement, 23andMe has enhanced many of its existing
 18 practices and has committed to put in place further security controls. The Business Practice
 19 Commitments outlined in the Settlement do differ from 23andMe's practices in the past as noted
 20 below.

- 21 1. Enhanced Password Protection – differs from past practices;
 22 2. Mandated Multi-Factor Authentication – differs from past practices;
 23 3. Annual Security Awareness Training – enhanced from past practices;

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 26 ¹⁵ It is 23andMe's position that because email addresses, credit card numbers, social security
 27 numbers, and other information that could cause pecuniary harm or be used to perpetrate
 28 identity theft was not compromised here, it is unlikely that these claimed harms resulted from
 the Security Incident.

- 1 4. Annual Computer Scans and Cybersecurity Audits – continues past practices, but
 2 includes new reporting to Interim Co-Lead Counsel;
 3 5. Information Security Program – enhanced from past practices;
 4 6. Maintenance of Data Breach Incidence Response Plan and Threat Management –
 5 enhanced from past practices; and
 6 7. Retention of Personal Information – differs from past practices

7 **K. Attorneys' Fees**

8 **Questions #1 and 2:** “Identify all timekeepers (grouped by firms) and their hourly rates.

9 How much time did each firm spend on each major litigation task?”

10 **Answer:** Please see Exhibit 1 identifying all timekeepers who submitted time grouped by
 11 firms, their titles, and their hourly rates. Please see Exhibit 2, which contains charts showing how
 12 much time each firm spent on each major litigation task using the category codes set forth in the
 13 Protocol for Common Benefit Work and Expenses as Modified (“Protocol for Common Benefit
 14 Work”), Dkt. 72. The charts reflect reviewed lead and non-lead time that Interim Co-Lead
 15 Counsel believe is compensable for the reasons set forth in our Motion and in response to
 16 Question K.3 *infra*, though all time is subject to further review prior to the filing of the Motion
 17 for Fees and additional time that is submitted will be added.¹⁶

18 Chart #1 shows a breakdown of pre-appointment hours by firm that have been identified
 19 as compensable; Chart #2 shows a breakdown of post-appointment hours by firm that have been
 20 identified as compensable; and Chart #3 shows all hours by firm that have been identified as
 21 compensable. As the charts reflect, the major litigation tasks that consumed the most time were:
 22 (a) #11 (Pleadings/Briefs/Pre-trial Motions/Legal Memoranda), which includes hours spent
 23 vetting plaintiffs for the consolidated complaint, researching and preparing the consolidated
 24 complaint, and researching and preparing the Motion for Preliminary Approval and its attendant
 25 declarations and papers; and (b) #13 (Settlement), which includes hours spent on the three

27 ¹⁶ The charts reflect time submitted by non-lead firms through July 2024, and for lead firms
 28 submitted through August 2024. Additional time submissions are still under review and will be
 detailed in the forthcoming Motion for Fees.

1 mediation sessions, the development of the Settlement Benefits Plan including the specific
 2 benefits offered therein, and the negotiation of the Term Sheet and Settlement Agreement.

3 The charts exclude approximately \$1,461,697 of time that Interim Co-Lead Counsel
 4 believe is not compensable under the Protocol for Common Benefit Work. *See Dkt. 103-5, Class*
 5 *Counsel Decl. ¶¶ 52-53.*

6 **Question #3:** “Why should *all* pre-appointment time associated with Settlement, Experts,
 7 and Discovery be compensated? Given the number of counsel involved before appointment of
 8 Co-Lead Counsel, isn’t at least some of this duplicative?”

9 **Answer:** Interim Co-Lead Counsel preliminarily reviewed the time and expense records
 10 submitted by non-Co-Lead Counsel firms for the period prior to appointment. Based on that
 11 preliminary review, Interim Co-Lead Counsel believe certain pre-appointment time and costs
 12 associated with the mediation efforts which were incurred by non-Co-Lead Counsel should be
 13 compensable but limited to three categories which contributed to the Settlement: Settlement,
 14 Experts, and Discovery. The total pre-appointment non-Co-Lead Counsel time allocated to these
 15 categories is \$637,817.

16 Given the unique procedural posture of this case at the time of Settlement—including the
 17 fact that all Plaintiffs’ counsel were invited to participate in mediation prior to the appointment
 18 of Interim Co-Lead Counsel, and those mediations were productive early sessions that provided
 19 some foundation for the Settlement before the Court—it is a somewhat difficult task to
 20 differentiate which non-Co-Lead Counsel should be compensated for their efforts and which
 21 should be considered duplicative.

22 **Question #4:** “Why does Class Counsel expect to spend thousands of more hours on the
 23 case after preliminary approval of the settlement?”

24 **Answer:** Interim Co-Lead Counsel anticipates that it will incur at least 2,000 additional
 25 hours in fulfilling its obligations to ensure that the Settlement is finalized and Settlement Class
 26 Members receive Settlement benefits. That process will involve (i) briefing Plaintiffs’ Motion
 27 for Final Approval of the Settlement and Motion for Attorneys’ Fees; (ii) responding to
 28 objections and motions to intervene, some of which already have been received or previewed in

1 response to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement; (iii)
 2 attending the hearing on final approval; (iv) responding to any appeal(s) (which have become
 3 commonplace in consumer class action settlements); (v) preparation for and argument of any
 4 appeal; (vi) overseeing the Notice and Claims Administrator in ensuring that the Notice plan,
 5 claims process and provision of benefits are executed on a proper and timely basis; and (vii)
 6 responding to inquiries from the Settlement Class. Based on the time Interim Co-Lead Counsel
 7 have previously incurred after the submission of preliminary approval in similar cases, which
 8 have proceeded through the appellate process, the estimation of 2,000 hours of additional work
 9 is conservative.

10 **L. Settlement Administration Costs**

11 **Question #1:** "Will settlement administration cost be capped at \$1,038,000 (e.g.,
 12 regardless of the claims rate)?"

13 **Answer:** Settlement administration costs are capped at \$1,038,000 if the claims rate does
 14 not exceed 10%. If the claims rate does not exceed 7%, costs will be capped at \$851,400. Verita's
 15 bid is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

16 **Question #2:** "Why is the cost of administration so high?"

17 **Answer:** Plaintiffs solicited bids from nine settlement administration vendors as part of
 18 the Notice and Claim Administrator selection process. Verita was selected as the lowest bid
 19 among those vendors Interim Co-Lead Counsel considered capable of handling a settlement of
 20 this size. Verita's proposed cost of settlement administration was below several of the competing
 21 bids (and approximately 25% below the highest bid), and represents approximately 3.3% of the
 22 Settlement Fund, or \$ 0.16 per Settlement Class Member. Based on Interim Co-Lead Counsel's
 23 experiences in similar cases, the cost of administration is consistent with the administration cost
 24 in comparable cases.

25 **M. Class Notice**

26 **Question #1:** "For email notice, can the settlement administrator determine whether an
 27 email has been received and opened?"

28 **Answer:** Verita, the Notice and Claims Administrator, has clarified that it is able to obtain

1 information regarding email open rates, however this information is limited in its accuracy and
 2 reliability due to technological developments in privacy software. These technological
 3 developments allow recipients and email providers to turn off open tracking and disable and
 4 block images and tracking pixels which are needed to track email open rates.

5 Verita further indicated that it receives information regarding whether an email has been
 6 delivered, if it bounces back and why it has bounced back. Typically, when an email initially
 7 bounces back, it is only temporary and due primarily to being blocked by Internet Service
 8 Providers (ISPs) due to the recipient's inbox being full, or technical difficulties such as the
 9 recipient's server being down, overloaded, or a server timeout. This type of bounceback ("soft
 10 bounceback") accounts for about 10-15% of all emails that are sent, and about 85% of these
 11 emails are deliverable if re-sent. Emails also bounceback from a hard bounce. A hard bounce
 12 results from a permanent delivery failure, usually when an email address is invalid, or a domain
 13 is blocked.

14 23andMe has reported that it received less than 1% bounceback in response to its email
 15 notifying Settlement Class Members of the Security Incident.

16 **Question #2:** "Did the parties discuss notice via social media advertising?"

17 **Answer:** The Parties discussed social media advertising; however, due to the robust direct
 18 notice effort, paid internet search campaign, press release, and 23andMe's agreement to place
 19 notices on its website and in-app, it was determined that social media was unnecessary as it would
 20 provide an insignificant amount of reach and reduce the amount of money available to Settlement
 21 Class Members.

22 **N. Response to Class Notice**

23 **Question #1:** "Is it correct that class members will have 35 days to opt out, 35 days to
 24 object, and 90 days to file claims?"

25 **Answer:** The Opt-Out and Objection Deadlines are 35 days after the *Notice Deadline*.
 26 The *Notice Deadline* is 60 days following the Preliminary Approval Order. So, the Opt-Out and
 27 Objection Deadlines are 95 days following the Preliminary Approval Order. The Claims Period
 28 runs for 90 days from the *Notice Deadline* (150 days following the Preliminary Approval Order).

1 **Question #2:** “For opt outs, why is an electronic opt out not recognized unless there is an
 2 additional verification? *See* Sett. Agmt. ¶ 82 (“To be effective and valid, Opt-Out requests
 3 submitted online through the claims portal must be submitted by the Opt-Out Deadline and must
 4 verify the Opt-Out request no later than three (3) business days following the Opt-Out Deadline
 5 using the link sent to the email address of the Settlement Class Member.””

6 **Answer:** The opt-out confirmation requirement is part of the overall administration plan
 7 to mitigate fraud and maintain the integrity of the Settlement. Recently, in *In re: Facebook*
 8 *Consumer Privacy User Profile Litigation*, 3:18-md-02843-VC (N.D. Cal.), Judge Chhabria
 9 approved a similar opt-out confirmation procedure, designed to prevent fraud, which has become
 10 increasingly problematic in the class action claims process. Such interference in the
 11 administration of the Settlement only serves to increase costs of administration, which is
 12 detrimental to the Settlement process.

13 The opt-out verification requirement is not designed to discourage opt-outs nor is it
 14 intended to be a burden to those who do not wish to participate in the Settlement or be bound by
 15 its terms. For those represented by counsel, their counsel can simply advise them in advance, that
 16 if they choose to opt out of the Settlement, they should expect and execute the verification once
 17 received.

18 **Question #3:** “For opt outs, the parties shall provide the agreement made by the parties
 19 referred to in ¶ 88 of the Settlement Agreement – i.e., 23andMe’s right to terminate the Settlement
 20 Agreement if there is a certain number of opt outs. The agreement may be lodged with the Court
 21 by emailing a copy to the Courtroom Deputy (EMCCRD@cand.uscourts.gov).”

22 **Answer:** This information was submitted via email to EMCPO@cand.uscourts.gov at
 23 the Court on September 13, 2024, and will be resubmitted to the provided email address with the
 24 filing of this supplemental briefing.

25 **Question #4:** “For objections, why does an objector need to provide information
 26 verifying that they are a settlement member? *See* Sett. Agmt. ¶ 90.iii (providing that a written
 27 objection must include, inter alia, ‘[i]nformation which verifies the objector is a Settlement Class
 28 Member (e.g., a copy of the Class Notice or of the original notice of the security incident

1 addressed to the objecting Settlement Class Member)'.”

2 **Answer:** This is a standard requirement in many class action settlements. Here, this
 3 requirement can be satisfied by showing the Notice of the Settlement or by including the
 4 Settlement Class Member's unique ID located on their email notice. It can also be satisfied by
 5 other means at the option of the Settlement Class Member.

6 If the Settlement Class Member no longer has access to their email notice of the Security
 7 Incident or the Class Notice of the Settlement, they can contact the Claims Administrator to
 8 obtain a copy of the Class Notice. The requirement is simply to ensure that objections are made
 9 by those who were affected by the Security Incident, and can be matched to a specific Settlement
 10 Class Member.

11 **Question #5:** “For claims, why does a person making a Health Information Claim need
 12 to submit a claim if 23andMe already knows whose health information was compromised? *See*
 13 Sett. Ben. Plan ¶ 12.b (providing that “Settlement Class Members with Health Information
 14 Claims must submit a Claim Form”). Is this simply because a person may make a request for an
 15 electronic payment?”

16 **Answer:** The structure of the Settlement is such that all Settlement Class Members are
 17 required to make a claim, although those who wish to enroll in the Privacy & Medical Shield +
 18 Genetic Monitoring may enroll after the claims period for the remaining time left on the three-
 19 year service. Importantly, Settlement Class Members who are eligible for payment of Health
 20 Information Claims are also eligible for other benefits of the Settlement, including
 21 reimbursement for Extraordinary Claims, the monitoring program and for some Settlement Class
 22 Members, Statutory Cash Payments for which a Claim Form is required. Further, as the Court
 23 points out, a Claim Form is needed for selection of the method by which the Settlement Class
 24 Member would like their payment for their Health Information Claim and, as applicable, other
 25 benefits. Finally, the claims process will ensure that the Notice and Claims Administrator has
 26 accurate contact and payment information, and minimize instances of uncashed checks.

27 **O. Language in the Class Notice**

28 **Requested Changes to Notices:** The Court requests a number of modifications to the

1 notices. Order at 6-9.

2 **Answer:** Plaintiffs hereby submit the revised email short form notice, postcard notice, in-
 3 app and web-based notice and long-form notice, both redlines and clean versions, as Exhibits 4-
 4 10, implementing the Court's comments.

5 **Specific Question #1:** "In the section "How To Get Benefits," why does a class member
 6 have to submit a claim in order to get an enrollment code for Privacy Shield? In other words, can
 7 an enrollment code be given as part of the class notice?"

8 **Answer:** In consultation with CyEx, which is providing the Privacy Shield monitoring
 9 program, the Parties opted not to send enrollment codes directly to Settlement Class Members
 10 with the Class Notice as, in our collective experience, many of these enrollment codes would
 11 likely go unused and would necessitate that the cost of the monitoring program be significantly
 12 higher.

13 Moreover, the monitoring program enrollment process will require Settlement Class
 14 Members to provide private information, requiring affirmative steps for enrollment and many
 15 Settlement Class Members will likely be eligible to qualify for other benefits for which a claim
 16 form is necessary. For these reasons, the Parties have opted to require Settlement Class Members
 17 to file a claim to receive the monitoring benefit.

18 Settlement Class Members may request enrollment in Privacy Shield by submitting a
 19 Claim Form, or after the Claims Period has ended, by simply emailing CyEx (this contact
 20 information will be provided on the Settlement Website) and requesting enrollment at any point
 21 during the three-year period that Privacy Shield is active. Those Settlement Class Members who
 22 submit their requests for enrollment after the Claims Period will be able to take advantage of the
 23 remaining time available on the three-year term of the program.

24 **Specific Questions #2-3:** "Also, is it correct that expenses are capped at \$350,000?
 25 Finally, the settlement agreement refers to service awards of \$1,000 each, and not \$500, as stated
 26 in the notice. Which amount is correct? The total amount of service awards should also be
 27 expressly stated."

28 **Answers:** Yes, Plaintiffs' counsel will request no more than \$350,000 in expenses. While

1 the Settlement Agreement provides that Plaintiffs may seek service awards up to \$1,000 each,
 2 Plaintiffs have requested service awards of only \$500 for each of the thirty-one Settlement Class
 3 Representatives, for a total of \$15,500.

4 **P. Preliminary Injunction**

5 **Question:** “Has either party discussed this requested preliminary injunction with the
 6 attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the state court cases or the claimants in the arbitration
 7 proceedings? If so, what is the substance of the communications?

8 **Answer:** Interim Co-Lead Counsel have spoken with counsel for the two known state
 9 court class action cases about the Settlement in general and they have expressed support for it.
 10 Interim Co-Lead Counsel have spoken with two firms with arbitration claims specifically about
 11 the injunction. Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, PLLC (“Milberg”), one of the firms
 12 representing a named Settlement Class Representative until recently when it withdrew as counsel
 13 on September 20, 2024 (Dkt. 108), also purports to represent thousands of claimants in
 14 arbitration. In its capacity as counsel representing a named Settlement Class Representative,
 15 Milberg lawyers have been aware of the settlement terms, including the proposed injunction.
 16 Moreover, Interim Co-Lead Counsel have had several conversations with Milberg regarding the
 17 proposed injunction, including why Plaintiffs support the injunction sought as part of the
 18 Settlement given the unique circumstances of this litigation.

19 23andMe states that in one individual arbitration proceeding, the assigned arbitrator has
 20 agreed to stay the arbitration pending the Court’s ruling on preliminary approval, including the
 21 preliminary injunction that is agreed-to in the Settlement Agreement.

22 **Question:** Do the parties expect there to be substantial opt-outs because of the state court
 23 cases or arbitrations?”

24 **Answer:** 23andMe does not know how many of the individuals who filed state court cases
 25 or arbitrations will in fact opt out of the Settlement. Plaintiffs believe the percentage of opt-outs
 26 will be less than 1% of the Settlement Class.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5th day of November, 2024.

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1 **ATTESTATION PURSUANT TO CIVIL LOCAL RULE 5-1(i)(3)**
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4 I, Cari Campen Laufenberg, attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has
5 been obtained from the other signatory. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is
6 true and correct.

7 Executed this 5th day of November, 2024, at Seattle, Washington.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sarah Skaggs, hereby certify that on November 5, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California using the CM/ECF system, which shall send electronic notification to all counsel of record.

/s/ Sarah Skaggs
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